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TO AMEMBASSY NAIROBI IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL CORRESPONDENCE

1. DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED CONGRESSIONAL LETTER
ASKING DEPARTMENT TO COMMENT ON FOLLOWING ALLEGATIONS:

A) KENATCO, A LARGE TRUCKING COMPANY OWNED BY MEMBERS OF
KENYATTA'S FAMILY, HOLDS AN EXCLUSIVE CONTRACT TO TRANS-
PORT CONSUMER GOODS FOR AMIN FROM THE PORT OF MOMBASA
TO KAMPALA. ON THEIR RETURN TRIP, THESE TRUCKS, WITH
MILITARY ESCORTS, TRANSPORT UGANDAN COFFEE TO KENYAN
PORTS FOR EXPORT.

B) KENYATTA'S SON HAS CONTRACTED TO PROVIDE FOODSTUFFS
AND UNIFORMS TO AMIN'S ARMY.

C) VICE PRESIDENT MOI AND SEVERAL OTHER KENYAN GOVERNMENT
OFFICIALS ARE HEAVILY INVOLVED IN THE SMUGGLING AND
MARKETING OF UGANDAN COFFEE FOR PERSONAL ENRICHMENT.
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MOI, IN PARTICULAR, IS ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN RESPONSIBLE
FOR RETURNING SOME FLEEING UGANDAN REFUGEES TO AMIN;
THESE REFUGEES WERE SUBSEQUENTLY MURDERED.

D) BISHOP OTIM AND SEVERAL OTHER ESTEEMED UGANDAN REFUGEES
WHO HAVE SOUGHT SAFETY IN KENYA HAVE BEEN ARRESTED ON
OCCASION AND HARASSED BY KENYAN POLICE AND MILITARY

OFFICERS. A RECENT CRACKDOWN ON UGANDAN REFUGEES HAS BEEN VERIFIED BY FIRST-HAND ACCOUNTS.

E) AGENTS OF AMIN'S DREADED STATE RESEARCH BUREAU ARE ALLOWED TO OPERATE WITH IMPUNITY IN NAIROBI AND ELSEWHERE IN KENYA TO HARASS AND EVEN KIDNAP UGANDAN REFUGEES.

2. PLEASE CABLE DETAILED EMBASSY ASSESSMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WITH REPLY SLUGGED FOR AF/E.
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